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FIVE thousand Arkansians are reported to have enlisted in the Federal army.

A CURIOUS and interesting discovery has recently been made in California, of a pyramid very similar in construction to the Egyptian pyramids, only very much smaller.

THE Fall River (Mass.) *News* reports, on the authority of a gentleman from California, that business in that land of gold is dull. There are not less than ten thousand men there out of employment Thousands of them would be glad to return home if they had the means, Machinists and some kinds of mechanics, however, are in demand at good wages.

SINCE the occupation of Little Rock, Arkansas, by our forces, seven thousand persons have come in from the surrounding country, five thousand of whom are now in the federal army. A correspondent says that in less than twelve months Arkansas will have a free state constitution, and be identified cordially with the antislavery cause.

THE rebel prisoners confined in the military prison at Louisville, Kentucky, made an attempt to escape some nights since. It was the design of the prisoners to excavate a passage to the street in front of the prison; and had it not been discovered, all the prisoners confined—over two hundred in number—would have made their escape. The dirt was carried off and concealed as the work of excavation proceeded.

A LARGE and enthusiastic war meeting for Rensselaer county was held at Troy on Wednesday night last, at which Mayor Van Altyne, Rev. Father Havermans, General Wool, Mr. Pease of the Troy *Press*, Professor Berriman and others made speeches. General Wool reiterated the opinion that Mr. Buchanan, before the election in 1856, knew of the designs of the conspirators, and promised not to interfere with [illegible] case he was elected President.

THE barns and shops of Mr. Chase, of Springfield, Vermont, were destroyed by fire, 11th instant, under very peculiar circumstances. He states that, seeing a light, he went out and found his barns on fire, and his cows, twelve in number, turned out in the yard, a horse led out and tied to [illegible] with an old harness beside him. [illegible] farming tools had also been brought out, and all this before six o'clock in the evening.

A CORRESPONDENT at Beaufort, North Carolina, referring to the schools in that city for the education of the freedmen, says: "Some few evenings ago I visited one of [illegible] over which several young [illegible] presiding. Even in our best [illegible] I never saw more perfect [illegible] as an interesting sight to [illegible] avidity even the old men [illegible] into their studies, and [illegible] had made in three weeks [illegible]."

A LETTER FROM MAINE.—The Bangor *Examiner* has the following account of the discovery of a female soldier, [illegible] of the Sixteenth Maine regiment, [illegible]son at Richmond:

"Yesterday a rather prepossessing looking lass was discovered on Belle Isle, disguised, among the prisoners of war held there. She gave her real name as Mary Jane Johnson, belonging to the Sixteenth Maine regiment, and had been a prisoner some time. She gave as an excuse for adopting her soldier toggery, that she was following her lover to shield and protect him in danger. He had been killed in battle, and now she would have no objection to return to the more peaceful sphere for which nature, by her sex, had better fitted her. The heroine of a novel yet to be written in Yankeedom was considerably sunburned and roughened by the hardships she had encountered, but still retained marks of some womanly comeliness, which would be heightened by a calico frock and crinoline. Upon the discovery of her sex, Miss Johnson was removed from Belle Isle, and is now confined at Castle Thunder. She will probably go North by the next flag of truce. She is about nineteen years of age."

Methodist Bishops in the South

The *Methodist* of last week says:

"The recent appropriation of thirty-five thousand dollars for the extension of our work in the far South is likely to be followed by important consequences. Almost simultaneously with it appears the proclamation of the President offering to the people of the states now in rebellion an amnesty upon certain conditions which he has thought fit to prescribe.

"Measures have already been taken to carry out the plans of our church. Bishop Ames, at last accounts, was at St. Louis, preparing to start upon his tour down the Mississippi. Bishop Simpson will soon proceed to Tnenessee. A prominent and popular Methodist minister, now stationed in New York city, has been designated for the city of New Orleans; and though the appointment demands of him not a little sacrifice, his acceptance is nevertheless hoped for. An order has been given by the Secretary of War permitting the occupation of deserted churches within our military lines, and the use of them temporarily for religious services. No questions of ownership or possession are to be raised; these can be determined only when the several states are brought back to their allegiance and civil rule is once more established over their people.

"Many facts in the condition of the Southern states encourage the hope of the return of the vast majority of Methodists in the South to the old church—the church of Asbury, and McKendree, from which many of them sepraated with the greatest reluctance. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is shivered to atoms. It is doubtful whether its General Conference will ever meet again; or if it shall meet, it will be shorn of its former proportions. The publishing house in Nashville is in the hands of the United States authorities; its finances were impaired beyond remedy before it was closed by military order. The members of the Lousville Conference, at their last session, avowed their loyalty to the government of the Union, and by that avowal severed themselves from the rebel part of southern Methodism. The southern Methodist church, which was one of the chief moral supports of the rebellion, will inevitably share its fortunes and go down with it to a common ruin. As the rebel statesmen have made slavery the corner-stone of their confederacy, so has the Southern Methodist church placed under that corner-stone the New Testament. It did its best to give the sanction of religion to the political measures which terminated in secession."

AMNESTY.—This war brings into common use many words and terms to which the people of this country have, until now, been unaccustomed. One of these is the word *amnesty*, contained in the President's late proclamation to repentant rebels.

The word literally signifies *not remember*. It is a kind of pardon which a ruler grants to the people, wherein he declares that he forgets and annuls all that is past, and promises not to make any further inquiry into the same. *Amnestia* was the name of an ancient law of this kind passed by Thrasybulus upon the expulsion of the thirty tyrants out of Athens. Amnesties are usually practised upon reconciliations of the sovereign with his people after rebellions, general defections, etc.

Amnesty is either general and unlimited, or particular and restrained, though most commonly universal, without conditions or exceptions—such as that which passed in Germany at the peace of Osnaburg, in the year 1648. In a more limited sense it denotes a pardon granted by a prince to his rebellious subjects, usually with some exceptions, such as was granted by King Charles II. at his restoration. Amnesty, also, in a military sense, signifies the pardon granted by a sovereign to deserters, on condition of their joining their regiments.

THERE is no scarcity of recruits in Massachusetts, but it is said they are held back by interested parties in order to obtain a larger bonus. The authorities of a town in the vicinity of Boston were offered the other day a sufficient number of volunteers in one lot to fill the entire quota of eighty, upon payment of the sum of eight thousand dollars. The offer was declined.

PHILADELPHIA.

[BY INLAND TELEGRAPH LINE.]

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.

All Quiet at Charleston.

Dates from Charleston harbor state that no event of importance was transpiring, and that no firing had been going on for some days past. The Ironsides and Monitors were lying safely at their anchorage.

Gen. Corcoran's Successor.

General Robert Tyler has been assigned to the command of the Irish Legion at Fairfax Court House, vacated by the death of Gen. Corcoran.

Gen. Butler to Superintend Exchange of Prisoners.

The duty of superintending the exchange of prisoners has been transferred from Gen. Meredith to Gen. Butler, and a new regime will be at once established.

Special Treaty.

By special treaty arrangements, French war vessels will be permitted to ascend the James river, for the purpose of removing the French tobacco stored at Richmond. The tobacco was purchased by the French Government, previous to the breaking out of the rebellion.

From Texas.

Advices from Texas state that Gen. Washburn, with a considerable body of troops, had started for Indianola and Larcca. Great numbers of Texans rejoice in the prospect of an early redemption of the State.

From the Indianapolis Gazette.

Honors to Colonel Ekin.

A splendid banquet was given last night at the Bates House, in honor of Col. Jas. A. Ekin, by his many friends in this city, who submit to his departure from among us with feelings of deepest regret. The Colonel, we understand, left to-day to assume the duties of his new position as Quartermaster of the Army of the Potomac.

The following is the correspondence between Col. Holloway and Col. Ekin, which led to the re-union:

COLONEL:

A number of your friends in the city having learned that you have been ordered to the Army of the Potomac, and design leaving this city tomorrow, have requested me to tender to you in their name, a Complimentary Supper at the Bates House, this evening at 9 o'clock, and to request that you will not allow any ordinary consideration to prevent your acceptance of the same as a slight testimonial of their respect and esteem for you as an officer and a gentleman.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
W. R. HOLLOWAY,
Gov. Private Sec'y.

Col. James A. Ekin,
A. Q. M., U. S. A.
Indianapolis, Ind.

W. R. HOLLOWAY, Esq., Private Secretary to Governor, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir—I have the pleasure to acknowledge the tender of a Complimentary Supper, at the Bate's House this morning, by my friends in this city.

I shall be happy to accept this testimonial of your kind regard.

With my thanks for the kind consideration thus manifested by my friends, and for the flattering terms in which you are pleased to convey this invitation, I remain,

Very truly yours,
JAMES A. EKIN,
A. Q. M., U. S. A.

The occasion last night was one of the happiest it was ever our fortune to witness. The supper, gotten up on short notice by Mr. Holton, the worthy host of the Bates House, was of the most *recherche* character, showing that he well knew the

"Turnpike road to people's hearts."

Before the hour of ten, the tables, burdened with the rarest things prepared for the occasion, were surrounded; and immediately the honored guest of the evening came in with an escort of friends, and was heartily received by his friends present who simultaneously rose to their feet and gave him an honored welcome. Immediately the demolition of supper began; the busy unceasing hum of conversation showed how freely and heartily every one joined in the festivities of the evening.

Among the distinguished gentlemen present we noticed Major General Lew Wallace, General Hovey, of the Army of the Cumberland, the hero of Champion Hill, Col. Crose, Major J. W. Gordon, and Capt. Russell of the 11th Regulars, Chaplain Loozier and many others, among whom are Rev. Mr. Heckman, L. G. Hay, Gilbert Small and Col. James Blake. When the clothes were finally removed General Carrington rose and proposed the following regular toasts:

Our Guest, Col. Ekin—May his success in his new field of duty be as complete and satisfactory to his friends and the Government as it has been during his sojourn with us, and while we regret to lose one who has personally endeared himself to our community by his social virtues, we cannot but congratulate ourselves at parting, with the reflection that our loss will be others gain—especially Indiana's.

In response, Col. Ekin feelingly spoke of the reception extended him on his first coming to Indianapolis, and his first impressions of our city and her people; and that these impressions had grown by intercourse and deepened by association with us, till now, when ties woven by kindness and bonds cemented by sympathy are about to be severed, he found it hard to break away from those attached and endeared to him by so many acts of kindness. He then thus alluded to our worthy Governor:

"Of his Excellency Gov. Morton, I can scarcely trust myself to speak. From the time of my first assuming the duties of my office here my intercourse with him has been exceedingly pleasant. He received me cordially, gave me at once his full confidence, and his devotion to the great duties of the hour was so supreme, so enthusiastic, so hearty, that I could not refrain my admiration. His whole mind was then, and continued to be, absorbed in devising means to advance every branch of the service that could contribute to the National triumph. To co-operate with such a man was easy—nay I should almost say it was impossible not to exert one's utmost abilities in carrying forward his plans. Our intercourse was constant and intimate and I desire to say distinctly, that I never witnessed in him any exhibition of a mind working for any selfish purposes. His paternal care for the soldier—for his thorough equipment—his comfort on the field—for the sick and wounded—for the suffering families at home—why need I mention these in any portion of your noble State? His name is uttered with a benediction by thousands of families in Indiana, and the bleeding veteran on the distant battle field is comforted by the conviction that Governor Morton will surely find and succor him. I may speak thus freely in his absence, knowing I but echo your own thoughts of one who holds no second place in the hearts of all who honor the flag and loathe treason. In special emergencies, when the demands of the occasion could brook no delay, I assumed often responsibilities, referring to headquarters for approval. It is due Quarter Master General Meigs to say that he was always prompt to approve any such references by the Governor or myself.

The Colonel continued at some length, complimenting the Governor's Staff, and thanking the friends present for the honor conferred upon him.

Col. Geo. K. Steele, being the senior member of the Governor's Staff present, was called upon to respond, and said he regretted exceedingly that Gov. Morton was not there to speak for himself, as he was confident he would bear willing testimony to the energy, capacity, and moral worth of Col. Ekin, and took that occasion to tender the thanks of the Governor as well as all connected with the various State Departments, for his uniform kindness and hearty co-operation during the trying time he has been stationed at this place. He had yet to hear the first word or suspicion against his Department, and he had reason to know that his conduct has been more than approved by the Governor and the authorities at Washington.

His departure would not be consented to at this time were it not for the fact that he has been ordered to one of the most difficult and important positions in the army—Quartermaster of the Army of the Potomac—where he was confident he would gain new laurels, and win the esteem and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, as he has done since he has been among us. He has the prayers of every member of the Governor's Staff, as he was sure he has of hundreds of other true and valued friends throughout the State of Indiana.

Mayor Caven being called up, alluded very happily to the pleasure it gave him to be present on this occasion. He expressed his gratification that so distinguished and meritorious a compliment should be paid to his friend, Col. Ekin. While the Colonel personally and officially was worthy of this manifestation of the esteem of his friends, he (the Mayor) was proud of it as a deserved testimonial to a Pennsylvanian, for he and the Colonel were boy-neighbors—he had known him and known of him from his youth and could vouch to his Hoosier friends that this compliment was right worthily bestowed. While he would yield to none in his just pride of the enviable reputation Indiana had gained in suppressing this unjust and unjustifiable rebellion, yet he felt a *native* pride in knowing that our honored guest hailed from the grand Old Keystone State. He spoke proudly of Pennsylvania and her noble record in this war, and concluded by giving as a toast, "The American Soldier," He alluded, feelingly and earnestly, to the just meed of praise due those men whom trusty bayonet and sure bullet kept the enemy from our own firesides, and none for generals, their stars and their favor.

Hon. John Caven, the worthy mayor of Indianapolis, is a son of Major Wm. Caven, of Versailles township, Allegheny county, Pa.

Volunteer toasts were then offered and responded to by gentlemen present, and so the time passed briskly until the "wa sups' hour ayont the twal," when the company bidding Col. Ekin good bye, separated in the best of order and retired.

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MRS. General (Stonewall) T. J. Jackson and her little daughter have been constituted life members of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

THE Russian men-of-war were beautifully dressed in flags of all nations on Sunday, in honor of the anniversary of the birth of the Emperor's son. At noon salutes were fired, in which the Italian frigate joined.

WOOL-GROWERS' CONVENTION.—It is announced that the wool-growers of Ohio will meet in convention, at Columbus, on the 5th of January. So important has the wool interest of late become that a very large attendance is anticipated. Hon. Henry S. Randall, of New York, will deliver an address. The Sorgho convention will meet at the same place, on the same day, and on the day following the State Board of Agriculture will held its annual session.

Little Mac and the Presidency.

The self-styled Grand Conservative National Committee has had a great many meetings and adjournments, and finally, according to the latest report, adopted the Kentucky platform and nominated the fourth NAPOLEON, GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN, for the Presidency. This Committee, without constituents, met last summer, and in Western New York, perhaps Rochester, and after a large amount of buncombe speeches and resolutions, adjourned to Cincinnati, in November—thence they adjourned to the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, where their deliberations resulted last week in determining that GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN, who did not take Richmond in 1862, should take Washington in 1864-'5. We wonder if GEORGE B. will be as much afraid of a great victory in 1864-'5 as he was in 1862. If so we shall expect him to plan his campaign so as to be a most exciting one—equally fearing a great victory and a great defeat. He will certainly so arrange the race that the nominee shall not come in more than a length ahead, or in plainer parlance, have more than three of a majority.

It is astonishing how, when the mania for being the next President seizes upon an individual, it uses him up. Had GEORGE B. not gotten this foolish idea into his head he might have made a respectable General. But for two years past he has been able to do nothing without consulting some one how it was to affect his Presidential prospects. Had he been some ten or fifteen years older perhaps he might not have made such a fool of himself. The Democratic and so called Conservative politicians have much to answer for in causing him to deliberately commit suicide. Had they let him alone he might have taken Richmond in thirty days, instead of becoming engulphed in the Chickahominy swamps.

These politicians were his evil genius in 1862, and perhaps it is only a righteous retribution that he should cling to them in 1864-5.

This Kentucky platform, which they have adopted, is simply the old BRECKENRIDGE slavery platform of 1860, with a few additions and amendments as contained in the WOODWARD platform of 1863. As GEORGE B. announced that he had, after a full consultation with WOODWARD, swallowed his platform, in his October letter, it is only fair for this Conservative Convention to present them both. But what becomes of Bishop HOPKINS and his Divine origin of Slavery? We, however, recommend, as he could not be elected Chaplain to Congress, that he have the Vice Presidency on this ticket. If that is yielded, not only the Democratic nomination, but also that of JEFF. DAVIS himself, can be secured, and this would make a most formidable tickot.

A National Bankrupt Law.

The House of Representatives has just appointed a special committee on a Bankrupt Law, under circumstances that seem to say they mean to do something. If this Act should be passed, it would be the third Bankrupt Law enacted by Congress. The first was passed in 1800, the second in 1841, and the third, if we are to have one, in 1864. Both the former laws were repealed within three years after their enactment. It may seem strange since Congress (Sec. 8, clause 4 of the Constitution) has the express power to establish uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies, that such laws have been in force only six years out of seventy-five since the adoption of the Constitution. The design undoubtedly was by having uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies, to have an Act equally beneficial to the creditors and debtors. Unfortunately the repeal of both these Acts just about the time their voluntary features had run out, and before their compulsory clauses had time to act, has left an impression on the public mind that National Bankrupt Laws are only for the benefit of the debtor class. Whereas, if those heretofore enacted had been permitted to stand, the agency of this bankrupt law in the collection of debts and the equal distribution of the assets of debtors among all the creditors—instead of paying a few favored ones in full, and leaving the mass nothing, as has been the case under the State Bankrupt Laws.

Twenty years having run around since the repeal of the former act, we think the new bill should allow a class of voluntary applicants to ask its benefits.

We believe that a law can be framed which will release thousands of men from a cruel and useless bondage, without damage to their creditors, with great benefit to the whole community, and with even less wriggling and knavery on the part of debtors than now exists, under the various state insolvent laws.

We urge the enactment of a Bankrupt Law by Congress, not simply as a great Humanity, but as an act of National Morality.

It should be remembered that after a very brief period the law will have no retroactive influence, and will become a regulative element in business. Already, from various causes, a salutary retrenchment of credit has been going on. We do not dispute the immeasurable benefits which accrue to a young community from credit. But no one can be ignorant of the demoralization which its abuse produces. It would seem as if buyers and sellers had striven together to make extravagance and recklessness as disastrous as possible. No law will cure an evil which springs from many causes which legislation cannot touch, yet a judicious Bankrupt Act would add one more conservative influence, and tend to make sellers cautious of the terms upon which they put property into other men's hands.

We do not enter at length upon this subject, but only express our earnest conviction that, aside from commercial reasons, there are eminent considerations of public morality which would be served by a good National Bankrupt Act.

GOVERNMENTS may be divided into two general classes: First, the governments of will; Second, the governments of law—those who hold that power, is, by Divine appointment, vested in a certain class, in order that they may rule; and those who hold, that the people have the natural and inherent right to select their own form of government, choose their own rulers, change them and modify their laws as they see fit and proper. Governments are more or less despotic, just in proportion as the former or latter of these two great principles prevail in their Constitution. These two great antagonistic theories of government have, in all times past divided, and at the present time do divide, the world. The former is founded in radical error—error as old as the days of NIMROD; yes, even prior to the days of NOAH. The latter is founded on immutable truth—truth having the sanction of GOD himself; for when ISRAEL asked for a King to reign over them, like the nations around them, GOD entered his solemn protest against the proceeding, although he granted their request. The history of the world from the days of NIMROD to those of LOUIS NAPOLEON, is a record of the oppressions which have resulted from the former theory. But the heart is filled with raptures of joy on beholding here and there a bright page of benefits and blessings flowing from the latter. Even as far back as the times of the Medo-Persian empire, a ray of light shines amid the surrounding gloom. When the seven Lords of Persia had discovered the fraud perpetrated upon the nation by the usurpation of SMERDIS, the Maji, and had slain the usurper, "they met to consult what form of government they should introduce. OTANES, (whose daughter had been the wife of CAMBYSES, and had been taken as a wife by SMERDIS, disclosed to her father that SMERDIS was not the son of CAMBYSES, but one of the Maji), was for a Republic. MIGALYZUS spoke for an oligarchy, and DARIUS declared for a monarchy. The opinion of the latter was, after very long debate, embraced by all, except OTANES, who, finding his sentiments overruled, told them "that since they were resolved to set up a king, he would not be their competitor for a dignity which he abhorred; and that, being determined not to govern as a king, he would not be governed by one." The history of the republics of Greece, and that of Rome during the Commonwealth, cheers the heart of the patriot and philanthropist in some degree. But these faint, flickering lights penetrated not, and produced but little effect upon, the surrounding darkness. The honor of openly and boldly declaring to the world, and establishing firmly the true principles of government, was reserved to our forefathers. GOD, in his providence, led them and gave them courage to disclose to the princes and potentates of the earth, and all the inhabitants thereof, "That all men are created free and equal, possessed of certain inalienable rights," &c. Now, had not GOD some great object to accomplish in the history of the world, by leading our forefathers to openly profess and avow, in their declaration of independence, this immutable truth?—a truth to which He had given His sanction three thousand years ago; yes, even from the beginning of the world.

Yes, the Ruler and Governor of the nations had some great purpose to be accomplished by the open and full publication of that great and immutable truth. Truth, when once divulged, is never lost to the world. Through sophistry, falsehood, deception, and a living, moving, breathing exemplification of a lie, it may for a time fall to the ground and be trodden under foot; but in due time it will rise in its strength, majesty and beauty—or, if opposed and resisted, it will shake and convulse the nation to its centre, and throw off the accumulated rubbish of sophistry, oppression and falsehood, and transform that exemplification of a lie into an animated personification of immutable truth. Central forces operate with irresistable power. The earthquake and the volcano convulse the earth to its centre. Immutible truth is a central force, and this great political earthquake—the slaveholders rebellion—is nothing more than the concussions produced by the operations and working of that immutable truth. Already it has broken the shackles from the limbs of four millions of the oppressed. Has it fully accomplished GOD's great purpose?

PHILADELPHIA.

The Change in the Weather—Christmas Doings—Political Dodges—The Amusement Season—The Proposed New Railroad to Washington.

Special Correspondence of the Commercial.

PHILADELPHIA, December 27.

The stinging cold weather of the past few days has taken its flight, and to-day it has been raining gently and steadily. The visions of well filled ice houses have vanished with the frigid temperature, and "Holland Rockers" laid up in ordinary. The huge letters on the side of some of the passenger cars running out to Fairmount and Wissahicon have also been taken in, and it is to be presumed, therefore, that "skating on the Schuylkill," and "skating on the Wissahicon," is done for. It made a jolly Christmas for the suburban hotel keepers, though, did the cold weather of the past week, for crowds of citizens went out to the "Falls," and various other resorts up that way. Take it all in all, we never had a pleasanter Christmas than the one just passed, and everybody seemed to enjoy it. To have passed down Chestnut street between nine and ten o'clock in the evening, the noise would certainly have astounded any one unaccustomed to Christmas formalities in this city. The hundreds of horns of all sizes toot, tooting, and the dense masses of promenaders, completely astounded "Poppy" Kendall when he came out on the Continental balcony, and he was compelled to postpone his "Conservative" speech until another day. "Poppy" has lived beyond his day and generation.

Apropos of Kendall's speech, it is only necessary for me to add to the telegraphic report of the National Conservative Union meeting here, that it was a laughable failure, and it is to be hoped that all the participants in it went home wiser and better men. There is certainly room for improvement in both respects, and I cannot conceal my astonishment at what appears to be the desires of various men who have always had the credit of being intelligent and trustworthy, that they are willing to travel about the country at this unseasonable period and advocate the doctrines they do. It is monstrous, and more than that. So far as Amos Kendall is concerned, however, any body who knows him will not be surprised. A greater bigot does not live. Like the Irishman's donkey, he always goes better backwards than forwards. As a sort of molifier, however, it may be well enough to state that he has spent the greater portion of his life about Washington, and in close companionship with many of those worthies who became suddenly scarce two years and more since. He undoubtedly "pines" for a return to their embrace. Father Abraham should pity him, and issue him a pass by the way of Old Point.

This being St. John's day the Catholic churches are in full dress. At St. John's Bishop Wood officiated. The music was arranged for this special occasion and sung by an enlarged choir. The unpleasant weather somewhat interfered with formal church ceremonies in several of the Catholic and Episcopal churches; however, they were very well attended.

Amusements are in full blast all over town just now, although there is no special excitement outside of the legitimate drama other than that caused by a plentiful supply of "side shows." With Miss Jane Hosmer at the Chestnut, J. S. Clark at the Walnut, Frank Drew at the Arch, and a branch of the Ravel troupe at the Academy of Music, we do very well, and I judge the coffers of each are plentiously filled. I understand John T. Ford takes the Chestnut street theatre about the beginning of the new year, and judging from his success at Washington and Baltimore, the Chestnut may see better days. He will, in all probability, put on the "sensational," and by giving plenty of individual attention make out well.

The present winter will witness some stirring scenes at Washington, among which will be another attempt to get a Government railroad route from that city to New York. The New York journals are full of bitterness toward the Camden and Amboy interest, and not only they, but many others who are quiet now, will speak out when the time comes. Although there may be some doubt as to the expediency of this project, if it has an effect to shorten time a little more, and lower the rates of fare, great good will have been done. It is about ninety miles from here to New York, all rail, and there is no earthly reason why we should not go and come between here and there inside of three hours, and for two dollars fare at the very most. It is a mere question of time when the fare shall be lower and the time shortened, so I go in for it immediately. All the way through to Washington more changes in this respect are needed, and if anybody can relieve the great public pulse, let that physician show himself quickly. The sooner the better.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

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WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.

The Department of Missouri.

It has been learned, on inquiry in the proper quarter, that although at one time it was decided to send Gen. Rosecrans to command the Department of Missouri, no official order has been issued, and none will be now, placing him there. No one has been yet appointed, and a rumor prevails that numerous Republicans have urged the restoration of Gen. Schofield.

On an Excursion.

The President and several friends went down the Potomac to-day on a brief excursion, returning to-morrow.

Heavy Storm.

One of the severest storms has prevailed all day, rendering it very unpleasant on land and water.

The French Minister.

Count Mercier, French Minister, leaves in a few days for France, where he will remain two months.

General Hancock.

General Hancock, notwithstanding he has not fully recovered his health, has resumed his old command in the Army of the Potomac.

Removal of Gen. Prigalls.

General Prigalls, Chief Quartermaster of the Army of the Potomac, was to-day relieved of his position, and ordered here.

Capture of Oyster Boats by Rebels.

Intelligence has reached here that rebels have captured a large number of oyster boats and their crews, in York river. The latter were placed in irons and sent to Richmond. The oysters were intended for the use of the army.

Recruiting of Colored Men Stopped.

Government has put an end to recruiting here of colored men for other States.

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[BY INLAND TELEGRAPH.]

PHILADELPHIA.

Special Correspondence of the Commercial.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.

Re-admission of Texas.

A great number of Texans in this city rejoice in the prospect of an early redemption of the State of Texas. The latest advices indicate that she will soon be under the old flag.

From Europe.

The steamer Olympus, from Liverpool, arrived at New York this morning.

At a public meeting recently held at Lancashire, a resolution in favor of the separation of the North and South was adopted by a very large majority.

The controversy between Mr. Cobden and the *Times* had merged into a personal matter between Mr. Delane, the editor of the *Times*.

A special corresponden: of the London *Times*, writing from Richmond, points out that the Federals are now investing the power of Secessia with a cordon of vessels so numerous as, for the first time in thirty months, to make access to the Confederate coast really difficult and dangerous.

The *Times'* correspondent of Headquarters of Confederates in Tennessee, says that a crisis in the war is approaching, which will test more than ever the stubbornness and tenacity of the South. He pays a high tribute to the significance of Northern faith and self-reliance, as contrasted with the lukewarmness of the Southern masses.

A telegram from Alexandria reports that the American ship Winged Racer, from Manilla for New York, and the Amanda, bound to Falmouth, had been burned off Java Head by the Alabama.

Reorganization of the Potomac Army.

The *Herald* correspondent at the front writes that the promised reorganization of the Army of the Potomac is understood to have begun. Numerous changes are anticipated, but have not been announced yet.

H.

The Policy of our Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Richmond *Enquirer* of the 17th inst., says our Government has abandoned every point except the treatment of negro prisoners. Now, the simple truth is, our Government has not abandoned any point. It is known that Maj. Gen. Butler, who has superseded Gen. Meredith, has no such instructions. The prisoners at Forts Norfolk and Monroe, and Point Lookout, have been placed under his orders, and he is authorized to conduct the exchange, man for man, and officer for officer, of equal rank with those paroled and sent forward by himself.

The object is to make an even exchange, as far as the prisoners in rebel possession will admit, and governed by humane motives, the effort will be made first to procure the release of those who have for the longest time been held as prisoners. Colored troops and their officers, in conducting the exchange, will be placed on an equality with all other troops, and so of colored men in civil employment. This is only one of the points hereafter to be adjusted. The honor and integrity of the Government, in the protection of such colored persons and their officers, will not be compromised.

The recent visit of General Hitchcock to Fortress Monroe was to confer with Gen. Butler and to communicate to him the orders of our Government on this subject.

The object is to secure the exchange of an equal number of prisoners on each side, leaving all other questions for further determination, the excess being largely in our favor.

North Carolina Items.

NEWBERN, N. C., Dec. 23.—The new oath of allegiance has been administered to a number of rebel officers and soldiers who have recently come into our lines to accept the pardon offered by the President; they bring intelligence that a large number like situated are awaiting a chance to do likewise at the earliest opportunity.

The plan of leasing out the abandoned plantations in Eastern and West North Carolina, adopted by Hon. David Heaton, supervising the treasury department, is proving a great success, and also a great benefit to the laboring classes of both colors, who are soon to present Mr. Heaton with a beautiful testimonial.

MARRIED:

CRAWFORD—ADAMS—On Tuesday evening, 24th instant, by the Rev. John Douglas, D. D., Mr. JOHN CRAWFORD, and Miss REBECCA ADAMS.

FRISBEE—HERBERT—On Tuesday morning, December 22d, at the residence of the bride's father, Geo. Herbert, Esq., by the Rev. N. H. G. Fife, Mr. JOHN D. FRISBEE to Miss KATE L. HERBERT, all of Connellsville, Fayette county, Pa.

SCHWARM—IRWIN—On Thursday evening, December 24th, by the Rev. Mr. Crouse, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. CHARLES SCHWARM to Miss SADIE L. IRWIN, all of Birmingham. No cards.

DIED:

BARR—On Sabbath, 27th instant, at 1 p. m., Mrs. MARGARET BARR, relict of the late Wm. Barr, in the 77th year of her age.

CRUMPTON—On Sunday, December 27th, in the 26th year of his age, WM. N. CRUMPTON, of the Army of the Cumberland.

BRENNAN—The funeral of Capt. EDWARD BRENNAN will take place on Wednesday morning, December 30th, at 10 o'clock, from the First Baptist Church, corner of Grant and Third streets. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

Editor of Commercial:

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Quartermasters' Department of the Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Regiments, Pennsylvania Volunteers:

SAWYER'S CHEMICAL OLIVE ERASIVE SOAP having been used very extensively in our Regiments we have no hesitation in certifying that it was found admirably adapted to the use of the soldiers, and decidedly the most superior SOAP which could be procured for the service.

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Quartermaster 12th Reg't,
ALEX. FORSYTH,
Quartermaster 14th Reg't.
M. K. MOORHEAD,
Quartermaster 13th Reg't.

HEADQUARTERS GEN. M'COOK'S DIVISION, U. S. ARMY.

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Capt. W. H. EXELS, Commissary
Lochiel Cavalry, Jeffersonville, Indiana.
H. BINGHAM, Quartermaster
1st Wisconsin Regiment, Elizabethtown, Ky.
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DISSOLUTION.

The Firm of CLANEY, MESKIMEN & CO. has been dissolved this day by mutual consent, J. MESKIMEN having withdrawn from the firm.

W. M. CLANEY,
CHAS. A. SHAEFFER,
J. MESKIMEN.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23, 1863.

In withdrawing from the above firm I cheerfully recommend my late partners to my friends and the public.

J. MESKIMEN.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23, 1863.

We have this day associated with us in the Coal Business, HUGH CLANEY, Esq., under the name and style of W. M. & H. CLANEY & CO.

W. M. CLANEY,
CHAS. A. SHAEFFER,

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13, 1863.

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EMPRESS CLOAKS reduced;
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Call and see the stock, which will be found well assorted. de29

HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO VOLUNTEERS—After the 5th of January next, the only bounty provided by law is the $100 authorized by the Act of July 22, 1862. All who desire to secure the present bounties of $302 paid to new recruits, or $402 paid to veterans must enlist before January 5th, 1864. Recruits will be received for the Sixty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers, or any other Pennsylvania Regiment, at the Girard House, Smithfield street. All bounties guaranteed and recruits credited to the sub-district to which they belong.

EDWARD S. WRIGHT,
Captain 62d Pa. Vols.,
de28:1w Recruiting Officer.

LOST.—ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25th, 1863, one SMALL WHITE TERRIER SLUT, with a red collar on, with the name of "Irvin Redpath" engraved on it. A liberal reward will be paid by leaving it at No. 27 DIAMOND ALLEY, Pittsburgh, or No. 3 GRANTHAM STREET, Allegheny. de26-3t

SALE OF MINING PROPERTY.

In accordance with a vote of the stockholders of the Adventure Mining Company of Michigan, held in the city of Pittsburgh, on the 10th December, 1863, all the property and effects of said company, situated in the county of Ontonagon, State of Michigan, will be sold at public auction by Davis & McIlvaine, auctioneers, at the Board of Trade Rooms in the city of Pittsburgh, between the hours of ten and twelve o'clock A.M., on the third Tuesday of January, 1864.

The resolution of stockholders under which this sale is ordered is in the following words, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized and directed to advertise the said property for sale at auction in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., to the highest bidder, on the third Tuesday in January next. Notice of said proposed sale to be advertised in at least one newspaper in each of the cities of Boston, New York, Detroit and Pittsburgh for the period of twenty days. The said notice to express distinctly the time and place of sale, and that at the same time and place the property shall be sold to the highest bidder on the following terms, viz:

One-fourth cash at the time of sale.
One-fourth payable in six months.
One-fourth payable in twelve months.
One-fourth payable in eighteen months,
The deferred payments to be secured by mortgage upon the premises.

The landed estate of the Company consists of 800 acres of mineral land, with certain improvements, machinery, &c., which will be more particularly described on the day of sale.

By order of the Directors.

JAMES M. COOPER,
Sec. & Treas. Adventure Mining Co. of Mich.
Pittsburgh, Dec. 28, 1863. dec19td

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

UNION LEAGUE, MANCHESTER.—There will be a special meeting of the UNION LEAGUE, Manchester, on TUESDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Punctual attendance is desired, as business of importance will come before the Council.

N. U. L. A.—The S. G. C. will meet at WILKINS HALL, in this city, on WEDNESDAY, December 30th inst. Each local Council is entitled to send three delegates.
d28:3t By order G. V. P.

THE DRAFT IN CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP.—The citizens of Chartiers Township are requested to meet at the house of P. CASSIDAY, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th inst., at 6 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of considering the best means of obtaining volunteers to fill the quota under the last call of the President for 300,000 men. Come all: there is no time for delay, if you would avoid the draft.
de28:3t

EXELSIOR INSTITUTE.—The Sixth Session will commence on MONDAY, January 4th, 1864, and continue twelve weeks, closing FRIDAY, March 25th. For terms, &c., call at the Institute, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets, or address,
de23:1w Rev. W. S. GRAY, Principal.

OFFICE PEOPLES' INSURANCE COMPANY, Pittsburgh, December 26, 1863.

AN ELECTION FOR TWELVE DIRECTORS of this Company, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Office of the Company, on MONDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1864, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.
de29-3t. WM. F. GARDNER, Secretary.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, LATE PITTSBURGH TRUST CO., Pittsburgh, Dec. 22, 1863.

AN ELECTION FOR NINE DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held on the second TUESDAY, 12th of January next, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
de23:td JOHN D. SCULLY, Cashier.

OFFICE MONONGAHELA SAVING BANK, Pittsburgh, December 21, 1863.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders for an election for a PRESIDENT and SIX DIRECTORS of this Company, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at its office, No. 69 GRANT street, on MONDAY, January 4th, 1864, between the hours of 3 P. M. and 6 P. M. A. S. NICHOLSON,
de22:2w Secretary.

CORONER.—JOHN McCLUNG, of the First Ward, Allegheny, will be a candidate for Coroner of Allegheny County, subject to the decision of the ensuing County Union Convention. de16:tc

THE GERMAN UNION LEAGUE meets every TUESDAY EVENING at RAWIE'S HALL, 261 Ohio street, Allegheny City. de16:tf

PITTSBURGH, December 17, 1863.

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE CO.—The Stockholders in said Company are hereby notified to meet and organize said Company at HARE'S HOTEL, LIBERTY Street, Pittsburgh, on the FIRST MONDAY of JANUARY, 1864, between the hours of TWO and FOUR o'clock P. M. of said day, and choose, by ballot, by a majority of the stock, then and there voted, one President and six Directors, one Treasurer and such other officers as they may think necessary to conduct the business of the Company until the next regular election.

James Woods,	Christian Zug,
M. B. Brown,	Robert Woods,
John F. Singer,	Elijah Heath,
James S. Craft,	E. J. Brooke,
Samuel Harbaugh,	S. A. Long,
Benj. A. Mevay,	Clarence Shaler,
Alex. McKee,	Rody Patterson,
Robert Sterrett,	James Trunick,
Isaac Walker,	G. Y. Coulter,
Moses Chess,	Thomas Steele,

de19:td *Commissioners.*

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REESE OWENS,	J. CALDWELL, Jr.,
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de22 WM. A. RODGERS.

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SILKS,	CORSETS,
SHAWLS,	HOOP SKIRTS,
REPPS,	HOSIERY,
POPLINS,	EMB'D CURTAINS,
PLAIDS,	GLOVES,
MERINOS,	NOTTINGHAM LACE,
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Fine white and colored Fans;
Low priced Collars;
Low priced Handkerchiefs;
Low priced Setts;
Balmoral Skirts;
Sontags, Nubias and Hoods;
Neck Ties, Suspenders,
Shirts and Drawers;
Kid Gloves, Fur Gloves,
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A GOOD FAMILY HORSE FOR SALE.—A beautiful bay Horse, about sixteen hands high, perfectly sound and well broken to harness, will be sold very cheap, and if desired a nice set of HARNESS and JERSEY WAGON, almost new. If not sold, the Horse will be loaned to a responsible party, who will take good care of him until Spring, the owner, as the present, having no use for him. Enquire at No. 16 FIFTH street. de17

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PROCLAMATION.—CITY OF PITTSBURGH, SS.

In accordance with the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the incorporation of the City of Pittsburgh, and of the various supplements to said Act, I, B. C. SAWYER, Jr., Mayor of said city, do issue this, my proclamation, that on the FIRST TUESDAY IN JANUARY, A. D. 1864, being the FIFTH DAY OF THE MONTH, the freemen of said city, qualified to vote for members of the House of Representatives of this Commonwealth, will meet at the several places of holding elections in their respective wards and precincts, and elect, by ballot, under the provisions of an Act of Assembly, passed the 16th day of May, A. D., 1853.

One person to serve as Mayor of said city.

One person to serve as Controller of said city, and

One person to serve as Treasurer of said city, each of whom shall hold their office for two years.

On the same day, in conformity to the above cited authorities, and also to the Ordinances of Councils districting said city, the citizens of the

First Ward will elect, by ballot, one person to be a member of the Select Council of said city for two years, and two persons to be members of the Common Councils.

Second Ward—One person to be a member of the Select and two persons to be members of the Common Council.

Third Ward—One person to be a member of the Select and six persons to be members of the Common Council.

Fourth Ward—One person to be a member of the Select and two persons to be members of the Common Council.

Fifth Ward—One person to be a member of the Select and six persons to be members of the Common Council.

Sixth Ward—One person to be a member of the Select, and four persons to be members of the Common Council.

Seventh Ward—One person to be a member of the Select, and two persons to be members of the Common Council.

Eighth Ward—One person to be a member of the Select, and three persons to be members of the Common Council.

Ninth Ward—One person to be a member of the Select, and three persons to be members of the Common Council.

Each of whom shall be qualified to serve as a member of the House of Representatives of this Commonwealth.

At the election to be held as aforesaid, on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, A. D. 1864.

The electors of the First Ward will vote at the Public School House in said Ward.

The electors of the Second Ward will vote at the Public School House in said Ward.

The electors of so much of the Third Ward as lies north of and west of Grant Street, being precinct No. 1 of said ward, will vote at the house of B. McStay, on the corner of Sixth and Smithfield streets.

The electors of so much of the Third Ward as lies south and east of Grant street, being precinct No. 2 of said Ward, will vote at the house of C. S. Kenney, at the corner of Wylie and Tunnel streets.

The electors of the Fourth Ward will vote at the Public School House in said Ward.

The electors of so much of the Fifth Ward as lies north and east of Adams street, being precinct No. 1 of said Ward, will vote at the Public School House, in said Ward.

The electors of so much of the Fifth Ward as lies south and west of Adams street, being precinct No. 2 of said Ward, will vote at the Public School House, in said Ward.

The electors of the Sixth Ward will vote at the Public School House in said Ward.

The electors of the Seventh Ward will vote at the Public School House in said Ward.

The electors of the Eighth Ward will vote at the Public School House in said Ward.

The electors of the Ninth Ward will vote at the Public School House in said Ward.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said City of Pittsburgh, the 16th day of December, A. D., 1863.

B. C. SAWYER, Jr.,
de17:td Mayor.

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First Premium for manufacturing machine.
First Premium for machine work.

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First Premium for family machine.
First Premium for manufacturing machine.
First Premium for machine work.

Indiana State Fair,
First Premium for machine for all purposes.
First Premium for machine work.

Illinois State Fair,
First Premium for machine for all purposes.
First Premium for machine work.

Kentucky State Fair,
First Premium for machine for all purposes.
First Premium for machine work.

Pennsylvania State Fair,
First Premium for manufacturing machine.
First Premium for beautiful machine work.

Ohio State Fair,
First Premium for machine work.

And the following County Fairs:

Chittenden Co. (Vt.) Agricultural Society,
First Premium for family machine.
First Premium for manufacturing machine.
First Premium for machine work.

Chaplain Valley (Vt.) Agricultural Society,
First Premium for family machine.
First Premium for manufacturing machine.
First Premium for machine work.

Hampden Co. (Mass.) Agricultural Society,
Diploma for family machine.
Diplo

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

We have appointed Mr. H. L. NORTON, the exclusive Agent for our daily papers at Bridgeport, Brownsville, and West Brownsville.

James Hagan, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was killed, near Columbia, on Wednesday last, by striking a bridge while the train was in motion.

Not Resigned.—Capt. E. C. Wilson, U. S. Quartermaster at Harrisburg, has not resigned, but has merely been relieved, and is now off duty for the purpose of recruiting his health. Capt. Johnson temporarily succeeds him.

Important to the Relatives of Prisoners.—The Department at Washington has decided to pay to the wives or families of officers or soldiers now confined as prisoners of war, the amount of pay that may be due. This is certainly an excellent order, and it will give many families not only the means of relief for themselves, but of sending assistance to their relatives or friends.

The Bible Panorama.—J. Insco Williams' Panorama of the Bible will be exhibited at Masonic Hall, in this city, on Monday evening next. This is the most complete and finished Panorama of the Sacred Scriptures in the world, covering nearly 4,000 yards of canvass; and comprises different and distinct scenes, commencing at chaos, or the first day's work in creation, and succeeding each other in historical order to the Babylonish Captivity. It is said to be a really beautiful painting, and one of the most entertaining and interesting panoramas extant.

Soldiers' Families in Birmingham.—The citizens of this neighboring borough, ever animated by motives of patriotism and good feeling, have now on foot a plan to make the coming New Year's day, as far as possible, a bright and happy one to the families of soldiers now in the field, or who may have been lost either through sickness or in battle. On Thursday next there will be distributed, at Market Hall, to those who are entitled to it, something substantial for the day following, either in money or its equivalent. Further information in regard to the matter can be obtained at the office of James Salisbury, Esq.

True Bills Found.—The Grand Jury yesterday found true bills against the following:

Wm. A. Thompson, *et al*, malicious conduct.
Maria McFarland, assault and battery.
John F. K. Jones, assault and battery.
Jacob Gunerman, selling liquor to minors.
Rich'd R. McCracken, selling liquor to minors.
John Lewis Cups, larceny.
Jacob Sloup, selling liquor without license.
Patrick Haney, larceny.
Adam Heil, assault and battery.
John Anthony Heckler, assault and battery.

Parties interested in the above and all other cases, should be promptly on hand this morning at 9 o'clock, or, if not, process will be issued to compel their attendance. By being in court they will save delay and trouble.

Curry's Normal Institute.—This popular Educational Institution will commence its next session on Monday, January 4th, 1864. No more appropriate season could be selected by persons desiring to become teachers than the present, as they can finish a course before the summer examinations. The advantages to be derived from a course of tuition in Curry's Institute cannot be excelled in any similar school in the country. The faculty embraces the names of some of the most eminent teachers in the West, and we need only mention those of Mrs. M. A. Woodburn, Professors Curry, Osgood, Shaffer, Slack and Kidd, to substantiate the assertion. Professor Curry has sent out from his Institute some of the best teachers in our county, and we feel that we are doing the cause of education a favor in recommending his Normal School to all who desire to be qualified as teachers.

Meeting at the Oil Exchange.

A very large meeting of the oil dealers was held at the Oil Exchange Monday morning, Josiah King, Esq., in the chair, and John Fleming, Esq., Secretary.

The President announced that the meeting was called for the purpose of taking such measures as might be deemed expedient in regard to the proposed tax upon crude and refined petroleum.

A circular, emanating from the New York Petroleum Association was read, in which it was recommended that a general convention of delegates, from the different parts of the country interested, should be held in New York, on the 6th day of January, 1864, for the purpose of deliberation and consultation, and uniting upon some plan to recommend to Congress which may bring about the desired object of an increase of revenue, without conflicting with the interests of the trade.

Mr. I. M. Pennock moved the appointment of a committee of two to attend a meeting of the New York Oil Association.

Mr. Frew moved to amend by increasing the number to five, so as to include two refiners, two producers, and one broker, which was carried.

The Chair then appointed as the committee: Refiners, Messrs. Jas. O'Hara, and J. H. Hutchinson; Producers, Messrs. Wm. Frew and John Irwin; Broker, Jno. Fleming, Esq.

Mr. Frew then moved that the delegates be empowered to fill any vacancies that may occur. Carried.

A subscription paper, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the committee was then opened. The subscriptions were very liberal.

On motion of Mr. James F. Duncan, the meeting adjourned.

Criminal Court Proceedings.

Before Judges Stowe and Brown.

MONDAY, December 28, 1864.

The December term of the Criminal Court commenced Monday morning. After the grand jury had been empannelled, Judge Stowe proceeded to deliver the charge of the Court to them. He explained in a clear and concise manner the duties of juries generally, and the duty of grand juries particularly. After he had defined their duties, he asked the attention of the jury to some matters of public importance, on which point we give his remarks entire:—

The condition of the roads of the country, and the streets of the cities and boroughs, should be particularly looked after. Neglectful supervisors should be prosecuted. Plank and Turnpike road companies should be proceeded against, under the law, their toll gates closed, and the officers indicted and punished, whenever they fail to keep their roads in the condition required by their charters; and all persons, or corporations, using or obstructing the streets of our towns or cities, contrary to law, should be punished. No one can to-day pass any great distance along the most frequented portion of this city, without being struck by the absolute disregard to the rights of the public, manifested by the manner in which our streets are used. Confectionery stands are erected at numerous places, upon the side walks, where they are most decided obstructions to passengers, (but whether actual obstructions or not, they are nuisances in law.) Cheap jewelry stores crowd the pavements, and I have lately observed what seemed to be a sort of patent medicine office erected on the outside of a house. Numerous other things, of a similar character abound to such an extent that it almost seems as though people had emptied the contents of their houses upon the streets, and taken to doing business there. These things are all done without a shadow of legal right, and are made the source of private emolument at the expense, and to the annoyance of the public. They should be abated.

Of a kindred, but incomparably worse character is the obstruction of the streets by allowing locomotives and cars to stand along them, from minutes to hours, thereby not only seriously impeding the travel upon them, but actually endangering the lives of the people. Trains crossing the streets, are always a source of inconvenience and delay to persons travelling over them, and the parties having them in charge should be compelled to pay strict regard to the requirements of the law. They have no right to stop, as they are in the habit of doing, so as to block up the whole street, except in case of accident or unavoidable necessity.

The mere convenience of railroad companies or their employees is no excuse. We have no desire in the practical application of the strict rules of law, bearing upon all these cases, to see you disregard the general interests of business, or the trade of the city or State, but when the right of the public in the use of the streets is constantly, recklessly and openly violated in matters of the law, we would be ourselves recreant to our duty, if we should shut our eyes to the fact and neglect to point it out. It would be far better if *the municipal* authorities would attend, as is their duty, to these matters of obstruction, to their own thoroughfares; but if they fail to do so, the only remedy the public has is through your vote.

Selling liquor without license, and on Sunday should also receive your due attention. Sometimes it happens that individual jurors entertain the belief that laws restricting the sales of liquors are unjust and oppressive, and therefore they feel inclined not to enforce them. With the policy of the law, courts and juries have nothing to do. It is their duty to enforce that, which to them, as individuals, is most odious, equally, and with the same spirit, as those they may deem the best. They are not, in the exercise of their functions, to play the part of common informers, or self-constituted detectives, impertinently going outside their legitimate duty, to carry on a crusade against the violators of law, but when matters come properly before them, they are bound to sustain and enforce the law, as they find it, regardless of feeling or consequences. These remarks in the main will apply equally to all matters that will come before you, and render any further suggestions of particular cases unnecessary. You can now retire to your room, where the District Attorney will lay before you such business as may be ready.

Democratic City Convention.

The Delegates elected to the Democratic City Convention, to nominate candidates for Mayor, Controller and Treasurer, assembled in the District Court room, Monday morning, at eleven o'clock. At the hour for organization, the number of delegates in attendance was twenty—the representatives of the Second, Third, Sixth and Eighth wards.

John Quinn, Esq., called the Convention to order, when Charles Barnett moved an adjournment until half-past one o'clock, in order that the delegates from the remaining five wards of the city might have an opportunity to attend.

John S. Cosgrave, Esq., moved an amendment that those delegates now present proceed to a permanent organization.

Mr. Barnett opposed the amendment, on the ground that the delegates not in attendance had a right to be represented in the organization.

S. Meredith, Esq., favored the amendment, asking whose fault it was that the absent delegates had not attended.

Mr. Barnett declared that Mr. Meredith's question was not an original one, having been used by Martin Van Buren, in the Democratic caucus of 1825, when he aspired for the Presidential nomination. It was an evil omen then and would be an evil omen now.

Mr. Cosgrave's amendment was voted down, and Mr. Barnett's motion for an adjournment to half-past one o'clock was adopted.

The Convention then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On the re-assembling of the Convention, A. P. Anshutz, of the Second Ward, and W. I. Maginn, of the First Ward, were chosen Secretaries of the temporary organization.

The credentials of delegates were then called for, when the following were handed in:—

FIRST WARD—J. C. Buffum, W. I. Maginn, T. A. Spence, Wm. McCreery, Jacob Keating.

SECOND WARD—Charles Barnett, John S. Cosgrave, A. P. Anshutz, M. Keenan, Geo. Deery.

THIRD WARD—John McKeown, A. J. Baker, Thomas Magee, John Barry, Jr., John O'Connor.

FOURTH WARD—Not represented.

FIFTH WARD—John Mackin, Fred. Wilharm, C. O'Donnell, Peter Gelsheimer, Jas. M. Taylor.

SIXTH WARD—Wm. Linn, John Ward, W. C. Wall, F. H. Cooley, W. A. McLaughlin.

SEVENTH WARD—Jacob Tomer, John N. McClowry, Thomas M. Little, John Hays, Thomas Ward.

EIGHTH WARD—William Alexander, Bartley Campbell, Simon Meredith, Sam'l R. Patterson, Andrew Conner.

NINTH WARD—Hugh Cain, John Power, James Neeson, William Cain, Patrick McAvoy.

On motion, Andrew Jackson Baker was chosen permanent Chairman. Mr. Baker made a brief speech, thanking the Convention for the honor conferred upon him. He urged upon the Convention the importance of the work before them, declaring that the principles of the Democracy must be sustained.

The temporary Secretaries were retained. John S. Cosgrove and Wm. McCreery were chosen Vice Presidents.

On motion of Mr. Alexander, the Convention proceeded to nominate a candidate for Mayor.

John S. Cosgrove nominated James D. Verner, of the Fourth Ward.

W. A. McLaughlin nominated Joseph R. Hunter, of the Sixth Ward.

The names of James Herdman and Wm. M. Edgar were mentioned, but were subsequently withdrawn.

A motion was made by Mr. Barnett, to unanimously nominate Mr. Verner, but there being opposition he withdrew it.

Mr. Cosgrove here suggested the following ticket: For Mayor, James D. Verner; for Controller, Wm. M. Edgar; for Treasurer, Joseph R. Hunter.

This also met with opposition, and a *viva voce* vote was ordered for the two gentlemen named, with the following result:

Joseph R. Hunter	16 votes.
James D. Verner	15 "
Hunter's majority	1 vote.

The Chairman announced the nomination of Mr. Hunter, when a motion was made that the nomination be declared unanimous, which was adopted with one dissenting voice—Mr. Barnett.

In explanation, Mr. Barnett was going to say something about the State Committee two years ago, when he was greeted with hisses and other manifestations of disapprobation,

Messrs. Cosgrove and Deery, colleagues of Mr. Barnett, declared that though they were friendly to Mr. Verner's nomination, they would support Mr. Hunter with all their might. Mr. Barnet then proclaimed that he would do the same.

William M. Edgar was then nominated by acclamation for City Controller.

Mr. Francis Felix, of the Fifth Ward, was unanimously nominated for City Treasurer.

Mr. Cosgrove offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention meets to nominate city officers, and that this Convention is loyal to the Constitution and true to the Union, and recommend our nominees as such.

William Linn, Esq., opposed the adoption of the resolution, on the ground that it implied that the charges of disloyalty hitherto made against the democracy, were true.

Considerable discussion on the merits of the resolution ensued, which ended in the adoption of a verbal substitute offered by Mr. Maginn, to the effect that—"We are Democrats, and the only Constitutionally loyal party."

A motion was made and adopted for the appointment of a City Executive Committee, of which Mr. Baker is to be chairman. After which the Convention adjourned.

War Meeting in Pine Township.

At a meeting of the citizens of Pine township, at the Cross Roads School House, on Christmas eve, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That it is expedient to raise funds to offer additional volunteer bounties to fill the quota of Pine township now called for and required.

Resolved, That every one liable to draft in either class, and all other persons who are favorable to the object, be invited to subscribe to this fund.

Resolved That the sum of Thirty Dollars be solicited from every person liable to draft.

Resolved That the funds raised by this subscription shall be placed in the hands of some responsible person to be applied first to securing volunteers from our own township, at the rate of Three Hundred Dollars to each volunteer.

Resolved That in case such volunteers cannot be obtained, and the commutation clause remains without change, then the fund shall be applied to the payment of the commutation of such person or persons as shall have contributed to this subscription their proper share.

Resolved, That in the event that volunteers cannot be obtained from our own township, or in case the commutation clause of the conscription act shall be stricken out, then this fund shall be applied to the securing of volunteers from any source, or substitutes, as the circumstances may require.

Resolved, That we unite with other districts of the county in asking legislative action to levy a tax for refunding all monies paid on this behalf.

Resolved, That we will heartily co-operate in sustaining our country in this her hour of trial by all the means in our power.

After the adoption of these resolutions, the meeting proceeded to make the subscription proposed, and the sum of twelve hundred dollars subscribed on the spot, and the further sum of three hundred dollars was guaranteed to be raised by three individual subscriptions, in addition, should the funds be immediately needed. This fully met the ends of the meeting, as the requirement from Pine is only five persons.

It was also announced that one person had volunteered out of this district, since the last draft, which will no doubt be duly credited.

Dr. McAboy was appointed to secure and disburse the funds.

Colored Troops in Battle.

General Hurlbut has compli mented the colored soldiers engaged in the late fight at Moscow, Tennessee, by issuing the following order:

HEADQUARTERS OF SIXTEENTH ARMY CORPS, MEMPHIS, Tennessee, December 17th, 1863.—General Orders, No. 172.—The recent affair at Moscow, Tennessee, has demonstrated the fact that colored troops, properly disciplined and commanded, can and will fight well, and the General Commanding the Corps deems it to be due to the officers and men of the Second regiment West Tennessee Infantry of African descent, thus publicly to return his personal thanks for their gallant and successful defense of the important position to which they had been assigned, and for the manner in which they have vindicated the wisdom of the Government in elevating the rank and file of these regiments to the position of freedmen and soldiers.

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T. H. HARRIS, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

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Passed Through.—Col. James A. Ekin, Q. M. U. S. A., arrived in the city on Saturday last, and after spending a few hours with his friends, proceeded on to Washington city. Col. Ekin was accompanied by Capt. Hays and Walker, his assistants.

At a meeting of the members of the Pittsburgh Gymnastic Association, held last evening, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, George Miltenberger; Vice President, J. M. Gazzam; Secretary, John Earle; Treasurer, J. McC. Irwin.

Jail Calendar.—The following individuals are now in jail awaiting trial during the present term of the Criminal Court:

Larceny.—J. M. Meechan, Lewis Cups, Otto Kabe, Henry Mahew, James Bougher, Joseph Boughr, R. Johnston, M. Mason, James Quinlin, Joseph Lawrence, Joseph M'Connell, John John Hull, George Palmer, John Turban, John Rann, George Bassell, Edward Fay, Edward Spalley, William Garrigan, Joseph Bowers, Martin Holland, Mary Mitchell, Elizabeth Jackson, Mary E. Burket.

Arson.—W. H. Norris.

Burglary—Daniel Mahew, Wm. Palmer.

Fraud and False Pretenses—James McClosky, W. Thomas, three indictments.

Surety of the Peace—Charles Hoffman, Daniel McWilliams, Wm. Wickline, M. Flannegan, J. Reed, Peter Gallentine.

Assault and Battery—J. F. K. Jones, Jas. Nield, M. Flannegan, James Reed.

Keeping Disorderly House—J. F. K. Jones, Mary Miller alias Waggoner.

Bigamy—Robert Armstrong.

Adultery—Mary Miller alias Wagoner.

Christmas at Camp Copeland.

CAMP COPELAND, PA., Dec. 25, 1863.

MR. EDITOR: Christmas, that day of mirth, joy and feasting, to which the "Little Folks" look forward with a joyous anxiety that the coming of no other day creates; the season when lights burn brightly in parlor and hall; when families widely separated are wont to have their annual meetings; when business and care are, for the time at least, forgotten—cheers the soldier with no anticipations of such happy reunions, or freedom from the dull routine of duty. Away from home; away from the circle of friends with whom he was wont to unite in the festivities of the day; confined within the narrow limits of camp, the gala days of the year are apt to pass him, bearing only his sighs and regrets that holidays were not made for a soldier. A mingled feeling of loneliness and sadness creeps over his mind when he thinks of home and the scenes that are there being enacted, and with a slow step and heavy heart he answers the call to duty. But, thanks to the good ladies of Pittsburgh and vicinity, our camp has had its share, and more, of the enjoyments of "Merry Christmas." Never was there a better Christmas dinner than that enjoyed by the soldiers of Camp Copeland.

It is but due that this public acknowledgement of the kind offering be made. Some days ago the Colonel commanding was informed that something in the way of a Christmas dinner would be given the soldiers by the Subsistence Committee of Pittsburgh.

Capt. D. Patton, 100th P. V., Capt. J. H. Woodward, 105th P. V., and Lieut. Joseph T. Powers, 139th P. V., were appointed a receiving committee. Tables were improvised in the centre of the encampment. On the evening of the 24th inst., several boxes of provisions were received, accompanied by the following letter:

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24, 1862.

These articles are from the ladies of the Subsistence Committee for a Christmas dinner for the men in camp, with the wish that they may have a happy and merry Christmas. I remain,

Yours, respectfully,
W. P. WEYMAN,

For the ladies of the Committee.

At noon on the 25th, another installment of baskets and boxes, filled by the loyal ladies of Swissvale, Homewood and Wilkinsburg, were received. The ladies in the vicinity also lent a helping hand, and the thing was accomplished. The boys had enough, and to spare, of the richest and best. Turkeys, chickens, oysters, pies, cake, jellies, apples, peaches, pickles, and everything in the dessert lines that add to the dinner, were there in abundance. After partaking to their hearts' content, a rousing cheer went up from all for the kind hands and loyal hearts who have thus generously contributed to their every want. Every one seemed pleased—every one seemed happy; and when the whole thing was over, they returned to their respective quarters, as jolly a set of men as ever donned a suit of "blue."

God bless the ladies, says a veteran from the field. Yes, truly, God bless them; as long as they, warm-hearted and loyal, stand by the defenders of the government, and let them know by their deeds of kindness that though absent from home they are still remembered; so long the government is safe.

Not only were we fed by the ladies of the Committee and the vicinity, but many were present to aid in the distribution. Notwithstanding the coldness of the day, they staid out by the tables and distributed until all were fed. We noticed Mrs. Haven, Mrs. Finney, Miss M'Kelvey and Miss Gordon, of Swissvale, and Mrs. Miller, of Braddock's Fields, besides others justly entitled to be mentioned, whose names we do not remember. In behalf of the officers and men of Camp Copeland, we return to one and all who contributed so much to our enjoyment on this merry Christmas day, our sincere thanks. And we thank you not alone. The mother at home, who today is thinking of her absent boys; the wife who is heading a prayer for her husband in camp, *all* who have friends to whose pleasure you have so much contributed, will most sincerely, devoutly thank you.

SOLDIER.

Curry's Normal Institute. Nos. 52 and 54 St. Clair street, Pittsburgh, Pa.—The next session of this institution will open next Monday, January 4th, 1864. The Faculty is composed of Prof. R. Curry, A.M., Principal; Miss M. A. Woodburn, Assistant; Lucius Osgood, Professor of Reading and Phonetics; Newton Shaffer, Professor of Penmanship and Book Keeping; W. H. Slack, Professor of Vocal Music; Robert Kidd, Professor of Vocal Culture, Elocution and Gymnastics. The regular course of study, which is arranged with special reference to the requirements of the School Law, embraces all the branches required on the Professional Certificate, including drill exercises in the elements of Penmanship, Book Keeping, Elocution, Vocal Music, Phonography and Theory of Teaching. Special classes will be formed for the study of the higher branches. For persons who wish to teach this is the best time of the year to enter, as they will have time to complete a course before the Summer Examinations. Terms, for a session of four months, in advance, twenty dollars.

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oct3 No. 29 Fifth street

FINANCE AND TRADE.

—The loan market of New York, on Saturday, was inactive at 7 per cent. In a few days the banks will receive the fifty millions of two-year Treasury notes, the long delay in the issuing of which has been due to unavoidable circumstances, and not, as has been asserted, to any desire to keep the banks waiting for their negotiable paper longer than is absolutely necessary. These two-year Treasury notes are expected to operate, with other causes, to give increased ease and to make the loan market more comfortable for borrowers. The line of loans at the banks shows a considerable increase this week, while the deposits are slowly decreasing. This diminution is chiefly owing to the augmenting subscriptions to the five-twenties, which amount this week to more than eight millions of dollars.

We learn that the Sub-Treasury on Saturday received three millions of currency from Washington.

The New York stock market is dull but firm. As is usual at this season, the volume of business is extremely small. This is ascribed partly to the absence of many of the heaviest operators, and partly to the inclination to close outstanding engagements with the end of the year. Unless in a few cases of especial need, however, we observe little disposition on the part of holders of stocks to accept lower prices. Indeed, the prevailing anticipation is that in a few weeks there will be a lively upward movement, with considerable speculative demand.

—The New York *Tribune* says: "Some western roads which have gone through a rearrangement of their affairs, are making better financial statements than have been expected. Of these, the Cleveland and Pittsburgh will be found by its holders quite satisfactory. The annual meeting and election will be held on the 6th of January, and some changes will probably be made the directors. Mr. McCullough's report will show that all the road wants is rolling stock to accommodate the increase of business offering. In the current year the earnings have been in excess of the estimates, and are proceeding upon a scale that assures a good showing for 1864. An investment demand is growing for the stock, which is passing from the street to permanent bonds."

The Acts of Congress of last season provide for issues of long and short securities, as follows:—

500,000,000 of stocks and bonds having not less than ten nor more than forty years to run, and bearing not over 6 per cent. interest in gold.

400,000,000 of Treasury Notes having not more than three years to run, and bearing not over 6 per cent. interest in currency. These are, or will be called interest-bearing Legal Tender Notes. To provide for paying these notes, the Secretary can issue 150 millions of greenbacks. The entire amount of all three is limited to nine hundred millions.

The Debt of the United States.

From the very able Report of the Hon. Secretary Chase, we tableize the Federal debt as it actually stood on the 1st of October, 1863:

Old Funded Debt past due	$356,785
Past Due Treasury Notes	620,911
Six Per Cents of 1867	9,415,250
Six Per Cents of 1868	8,908,342
Five Per Cents of 1865	3,461,000
Five Per Cents of 1874	20,000,000
Five Per Cents of 1871	7,022,000
Six Per Cents of 1881	68,735,000
Six Per Cents of 1881, Oregon	1,016,000
7-30 Treasury Notes, due Aug. 18, 1864	52,725,350
7-30 Treasury Notes, due Oct. 1, 1864	86,550,950
5-20 Year Six Per Cents	278,511,500
One Year Certificates of Debt	156,918,437
Demand Notes--Custom-House mon'y	2,022,173
Temporary Deposits	104,934,102
Legal Tender Notes	402,734,141
Postal Currency	17,766,656
Total	$1,222,000,000

Since the 1st of October about $135,000,000 of five-twenties have been sold, also $50,000,000 of five per cent. legal tender Treasury notes, and the "temporary deposits" are down about 50,000,000, leaving the ledger balance of debt, $1,360,000,000—to which $140,000,000 added for floating dues gives $1,500,000,000 as the total of the debt of the United States.—*Thompson.*

PITTSBURGH GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY COMMERCIAL,
Tuesday, December 29.

Business yesterday presented no new feature worthy of special notice. The holidays, as is usual on such occasions, monopolized a large share of attention. The weather for the past forty-eight hours has been about as disagreeable as it could well be; in fact, persons that desire the kind of weather that hanging days come on must have been gratified. On the wharf we noticed a good deal of activity. The steamer Julia arrived from Zanesville with a large trip of produce. The steamers Reserve, Arizonia and Louisville, were taking freight on board, and will have dispatch. The Orient has the principal part of her cargo in boat. She will leave for St. Louis on Wednesday. The demand for the leading articles was only to a moderate extent. Among the sales made we note as follows:

CHEESE—Our market has exhibited a good deal of firmness for some time past, prices going up steadily. We note sales of 56 boxes Western Reserve at 13½@14c; 20 do. Hamburg, 15c; 30 do Goshen, 15c.

BUTTER—Our market at present contains a good supply; prices were not so firm. Sales of 1,000 lbs fresh roll at 25@26c. Sales of inferior in packed at various prices, according to quality.

LARD—Holders were firm at the late advance. We note sales of 30 bbls new leaf at 13¾@13¾c per lb. The supply at present is not large.

MESS PORK was unchanged, but holders were firm. Sales of 25 bbls new at $19 50. Some dealers are holding out for $20.

APPLES—The supply on hand is large. There is a good business in lots varying from 25 to 50 bbls at $2 25@2 50 per bbl. Some choice lots are held above these figures.

FLOUR—The market rules firm, with a good local demand. The stock in first hands is not large, but seems to be sufficient for all present purposes. The receipts by the river have been cut off for a few days, but navigation is again resumed.

Extra Family—Among the sales of Extra Family were 100 bbls at $7 00@7 38; 200 bbls, terms withheld; 40 bbls choice brands, on wharf, $7 40; 50 bbls, from store, $7 38@7 50.

Extra—We did not learn of any sales of Extra. We quote nominally at $6 00.

WHISKY—The market continues excited and unsettled. Sales of City Rectified are reported at 85c@88c, whilst some dealers refuse to sell below 95c, and are not desirous of selling to any extent even at that price.

HAY—The offering yesterday was very light. A few loads only were disposed of, at $30@40.

BACON—The receipts of new sugar cured hams is on the increase. We note regular sales at 13c@13½c.

GRAINS—The market was firm, with a good demand for the various descriptions.

Oats—Small sales at 82c.

Corn—Prices seem to have reached the top. 1000 bush. changed hands at 1,28@1,26c.

Wheat holds its own. Sales Penna. red at 1,36@1,37c, and white 1,40@1,46.

Barley—Spring 1,5c, fall 150c.

GROCERIES—Were firm, with a fair local demand for the various descriptions. Prices, however, have undergone no change. Among the sales were as follows:

Sugar—10 hhds prime Cuba at 14c.; 5 do fair at 13½c; 6 do Orleans at 14¼c. Crushed—Sales 10 bbls 17¾c; 10 bbls coffee, A, 17c, and 10 do, B, at 16¾c.

Molasses—firm; sales 30 bbls old N. O. at 63c., and new at 65c. 10 bbls Golden Syrup at 65c.

Coffee—Holders were firm at the late advance. Sales 70 sacks Rio at 35½@36¼c.

SALT—The market was steady at $1 60 per bl.

RICE—Market steady. Sales 10 tierces 9½c.

FISH—The market was firm, with a good demand. As prices were unchanged, we omit rates.

PITTSBURGH OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH DAILY COMMERCIAL,
Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1863.

The market, yesterday, was dull and exhibited no activity; in fact buyers and sellers continue apart in their views, neither party manifesting any particular desire to operate. The steady rain, together with a fair prospect of the opening of the river to Oil City, have in a great measure prevented operations, as buyers are waiting to see what will turn up. A meeting of Oil Dealers was held yesterday, and a Committee appointed to attend the meeting of the New York Oil Association, to be held in New York on the 5th of January. The meeting will, no doubt, be well attended. May their deliberations be attended with beneficial results. The exports and imports were as follows:—Exports, to New York, Crude, 500 bbls; Naptha, 110 bbls. To Philadelphia, Refining, 90 bbls; Refined, 1,125 bbls; Crude, 740 bbls. Shipments West, per rail, 120 bbls. Imports per A. V. RR., Crude, 1650 bbls; Refined, 890 bbls.

REFINED—The market was inactive; the nominal rates were, for Bonded, 40c; Free, 50c, for standard brands. Sales of 100 bbls bonded at 40 cents.

CRUDE—Holders were asking 19c in bulk; we note sales 110, 220, and 315 bbls, including packages, at 25c per gallon. We were shown a dispatch from Oil City, dated Monday, stating that Crude was selling at $6 per bbl. at the Noble wells.

[By Telegraph.]
New York Market.
NEW YORK, Dec. 28, 1863.

COTTON—A shade firmer, at 81c for Middling Upland.

FLOUR—Heavy and without decided change, at $7 40@7 60 for Extra Round Hoop Ohio, and $7 65@9 50 for Trade Brands, the market closing dull.

WHISKY—Heavy, at 90@93 for State and Western, closing at 90@92½, including 1,000 bbls Western sold Saturday evening at 93c.

WHEAT—Favors buyers, and is in moderate demand at $1 43@1 47 for Chicago Spring, $1 45@1 48 for Milwaukee Club—the inside price for Inferior, $1 48@1 50 for Amber Milwaukee, $1 55@1 58 for Winter Red Western, and $1 58@1 60 for Amber Michigan.

BARLEY—Quiet but firm.

CORN—Opened quiet and heavy, closing rather more steady, with a moderate demand at $1 27@1 29 for shipping Mixed Western in store, chiefly $1 29.

OATS—In moderate request and steady at 93@94c for Western.

PETROLEUM—Firm; Refined, free, 53@55c; Refined, in bond, January and February, 48@50c.

PORK—Heavy and lower, at $18 50@19 75 for old Mess, closing at $18 50@19 50, $21 50@22 00 for new Mess, $14 00@16 00 for old and new Prime, and $17 00@18 00 for prime Mess; also 500 bbls new Mess, January and February, $19 50, and 200 bbls new Mess, February, $22 00.

BEEF—Firm at $5 00@7 00 for Country Mess, $3 50@5 00 for Country Prime, $10 00@14 00 for repacked Mess, and $15 00@16 00 for extra Mess. Prime Less Beef quiet and without decided change; Beef Hams firm at $18 00.

CUT MEATS—Steady; Bacon Sides quiet, without material change.

DRESSED HOGS—Firm at 8@8¼c for Western.

LARD—Steady and rather more doing, at 12@13c; also 1,500 bbls for January, February and March, at 13½@13¾c.

PITTSBURGH IRON AND NAIL MARKETS.

The market continues very firm, and prices have further advanced to the following rates. Our manufacturers are certainly receiving large orders from all parts of the country. The demand for Pittsburgh-made Iron and Nails was never so extensive as at the present time.

FLAT BAR.

	₱ lb
1¼ to 6, by ¾ to 1 inch	5½
2 to 6, by 1¼ to 1¾ inch	5¾
1¼ to 1½, by ⅞ to 2¼ inch	5¾

HEAVY BAND IRON.

	₱ lb
2 to 6, by ¼ to 3-16 inch	5¾
1½ to 1¾, by ¼ and 3-16 inch	6
⅞ to 1⅜, by ¼ and 3-16 inch	6¼
½ to ¾, by ¼ and 3-16 inch	6½

HOOP AND LIGHT BAND.

	₱ lb
2¼ to 6	6¼
1¾ to 2	6¾
1¼ to 1½	7
1 to 1¼	7¼
⅞ by ⅛ inch	7½
⅝ by ⅛ inch	8¼
¾ by ¼ inch	8½
⅞ by ¼ inch	9

½ cent ₱ lb extra for all cut Hoops.

ROUND AND SQUARE.

	₱ lb		₱ lb
1 to 2¼ inch	5½	⅜ and 7-16 inch	6½
2⅜ to 2¾ inch	5¾	5-16 inch	6½
3 to 3¾ inch	6	¼ inch	6¼
⅞ and 1 inch	5¾	7-16 inch	9
½ and 9-16 inch	6	⅜ and ⅝ inch	5¾

HORSE SHOE.

	₱ lb
⅝ to 1, by 5-16 to ⅞ inch	6½

NAIL RODS.

½ and 5-16, by ¼ inch, rolled	10
Slit Rods	10
Angle Iron	6¾

HOOP IRON.

	₱ lb		₱ lb
2¼ to 6 inch	5½	⅝ inch	6¾
1¾ and 2 inch	6	¾ inch	7¼
1½ and 1⅝ inch	6¼	⅞ inch	8¼
1 and 1⅛ inch	6½		

Hoop cut to lengths for barrels, ½c. ₱ lb extra.

OVAL IRON.

	₱ lb		₱ lb
⅞ to 1¼ inch	5¾	½ inch	6¾
⅝ and ¾ inch	6	⅜ inch	6½

HALF OVAL AND HALF ROUND.

	₱ lb		₱ lb
⅞ to 1¼ inch	6	½ inch	6¾
⅝ to ¾ inch	6½	⅜ inch	7

TANK IRON.

	₱ lb
3-16, ¼ and 5-16 th'k, not over 30 in. wide	7¼
" " " over 30 in. wide	7½
Heads, not flanging	7½
Plow Slabs	6¼
" Wings	6¾

RAILROAD IRON.

	₱ lb
Countersunk and Punched.	
1¾ by ¾, 7-16 and ½ inch	6½
1¼ by ⅝ inch	6¾
1½, 1¾, 2 and 2¼ by ½ to ¾ inch	6

SHEET IRON.

	₱ lb		₱ lb
Nos. 10 to 17	7	Nos. 25 and 26	7½
" 18 to 24	7¼	" 27	7¾

For 22 to 27 over 28 inches wide, ¼ cent per pound extra.

NAILS—BRADS AND FENCE.

	₱ keg		₱ keg
10d, 12d, 16d, 20d, 30d, 40d, 50d, & 60d	5 62½	3d	6 87½
8d and 9d	5 87½	4d	6 87½
6d and 7d	6 12½	3d F

The Daily Commercial.

COMMERCIAL.

THE LEADING OIL MRKETS.

We condense the following from our latest dates:

Philadelphia.

The market throughout the past week ruled irregular. Crude opened with sales at 30 and 31 cents, but gradually declining to 28 and 29 cts., closing heavily at 28, 29 and 30 cts., as to quality and condition of packages. In refined the market remains about the same, and sales were made at 44 to 45 cts., as to quantity and quality. In refined, free, the trade is liberally supplied with at 51 to 55 cts. in large lots, and 56 to 58 cts. for smaller parcels.

The exports from Philadelphia since January 1st, 1863, amounted to 4,737,329 gals., valued at $1,313,118.

New York.

We have advices to December 20th. The market closes again unsettled, and Crude, which for a couple of days maintained its position quite firm, has again relapsed, and to-day we find the market almost without buyers. Crude sold as high as 35c, but closes dull at 32c. Refined, in bond, we notice transactions at 44½@45c for straw colors; 46@47c for pale straw, and 47½@48c for white. Refined, free, rules dull, and prices again tending downward; we have to report sales of yellow at 50@52c, straw at 52½@55c, and prime white 55@56½c, as to quantity. Benzine dull; nothing doing at 18@20c for refined, and 21@21½c for double refined.

EXPORTS FROM NEW YORK.

(For the week ending December 17, 1863.)

Total.....gals 191,838 $59,694

(Since January 1st, 1863.)

Total.....gals 19,201,834 $7,503,662

Boston.

The market throughout the whole week ruled feverish; Crude especially being in better demand. We heard of sales at 32½, 33, 34 to 35c, closing somewhat less firm. In Refined, in bond, sales for immediate export at 44 to 47½c for yellow to pale straw, and 49 to 5c for strictly prime. Refined, free, in good demand, with liberal sales at 56 to 57½c for pale straw, and 58 to 60c for prime, as to quantity.

EXPORTS FROM BOSTON.

(For the week ending December 24, 1863.)

To Brazil	3,000 gallons
To Cuba	1,240 "
To Gibraltar	1,500 "
To Rio Janeiro	51,655 "
To St. Thomas	38 "
Total	57,333 gallons
(Since January 1st, 1863.)	
Total	1,048,720 gallons

Baltimore.

The market is again in an unsettled condition, and transactions quite limited. We notice sales of crude at 29 to 31 cents. Refined at 45 to 47½ cents in bond for pale straw. Refined, free, is selling at 57½ to 90 cents, the latter for prime white.

EXPORTS FROM BALTIMORE.

(For the week ending December 24.)

To Bahia	4,000 gallons
Rio Grande	5,000 gallons
Total	9,000 gallons
(Since January 1st, 1863.)	
Total	1,900,333 gallons

Philadelphia Petroleum Market.

Special Correspondence of the Commercial.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24, 1863.

The Petroleum Market has been dull since our last report, but at the close there was a firmer feeling. Buyers and sellers have been widely at variance in their views, which has resulted in restricting the week's operations to a few hundred barrels. There is no disposition to purchase for export or speculation in the present unsatisfactory condition of the European markets, and doubts in reference to the proposed increase tax to be levied upon the article. The present cold weather will materially retard operations at the wells, and temporarily suspend the shipments by water. Crude is held at 29½@30c., with 28c. bid; 800 barrels Refined, in bond, sold at 45@46c., chiefly at 46c.; and 300 barrels Free, in lots, at 54@56c. Benzine is nominal at 20c. Residum sells slowly at $5 62½@5 75. The stock here is estimated at 16,000 barrels, of which only one-fourth is Crude. About 1,500 barrels were destroyed by fire this week. The Bremen ship Active was cleared for Hamburg yesterday with a cargo of 80,366 gallons Crude, and 18,519 gallons Refined.

Freights to London	6s 6d ₱ bbl
Freights to Marseilles	6s 6d ₱ bbl
Freights to Havre	6s 6d ₱ bbl
Freights to Boston, on deck, 60c	70 cts ₱ bbl
Freights to New York, on deck 40c	35 cts ₱ bbl
Exp'd from Phila. since Jan. 1st	5,122,141 galls.
" " same time last year	2,626,720 galls.
Increase this year	2,495,421 "
Exp'd from U. S. since Jan. 1st	27,000,280 "
" " same time last year	10,030,560 "
Increase this year	16,969,720 "

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Milwaukee Market.

The wheat market received quite a check in its upward course by the arrival of two steamers bringing advices of lower prices in the English markets. The market opened at $1 57½ for No. 1 Spring in store, kept on the descending scale until $1 46 was touched, and then rallied ½@¾c on receipt of the Chamber of Commerce dispatch from Chicago, closing at $1 46½@1 46¾ on 'Change. There was no inquiry for No. 2 Spring, and we are unable to name any quotations for that quality. Up to 1 p. m. 104,000 bush No. 1 Spring had changed hands, including 50,000 bush sold at buyers' option, all January, at $1 49@1 49½@1 49.

In the evening the tendency of the market was decidedly in favor of the buyers. About 50,000 bush No. 1 Spring sold at $1 46@1 46½ cash, principally at the outside figure; $1 47 buyers' option all the month, and $1 49@1 49 buyers' option all January. The offers to sell at $1 46 cash, were in excess of the demand.

There was a better demand for flour, and prices were fully 10c higher. We note sales of 1,600 bbls at $5 10 for ordinary country spring extra, $5 20 for choice do (so reported), and $5 50 for country winter.

The market for coarse grains was not quotably changed, but all descriptions were in better demand. Oats sold at 60c in store; car corn at $5c, and new shelled at 81@82c. No. 1 barley at bl 20 in store; No. 2 do at $1 15. Rye was saleable at 95c in store, and 98c deliv ered.

Toledo Market.

Wheat—Prices are nominal at $1 45 for No. 1 white; $1 27 for No. 1 red, $1 25 for No. 2 red; and $1 29 for amber Michigan.

Corn—Inactive; we quote $1 for new; and $1 05 for old.

Oats—In demand at 67c.

Clover Seed—Dull at $6 50.

Salt—Fine at $2 20 per bbl. But little coarse on the market.

Dressed Hogs—$6 to $7, as to weight and quality; extra heavy $7 25.

Whisky—Sales at 86c. ₱ gallon.

Pork—New mess, $18; mess, heavy, $16; mess, light, $15; butts and rumps, $12; hams, pickled, $16; do smoked, ₱ lb, 12c@13.

Chicago Alcohol and High Wine Market.

Alcohol—Highwines were very much unsettled to-day, causing a nominal market for Alcohol, and prices are quoted by A. F. Crosley at $1 60@1 64 for 98 per cent. proof; 88@90 for Spirits, neutral proof.

Highwines—The market was irregular, unsettled and difficult to quote. Messrs Cummings & King sold two lots of 50 bbls each at 83@85c respectively. Subsequently 100 bbls sold on 15 days' time at 81½c free of storage, and 60 bbls at 82c cash. The market closed dull and nominal at 81@81½c.

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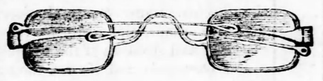
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